

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairman Elsie Arntzen, on January 18, 2007 at 3:16 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson (D)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sonja Lee, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 112, 1/11/2007
Executive Action: HB 102, HB 228, HB 49-Action
Postponed

HEARING ON HB 112

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:57 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 112, Prescribe duties and authority of fire chiefs.

EXHIBIT(loh12a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:27 Leonard Lundby, Chief, Manchester, Montana Fire Department, Montana State Volunteer Firefighters Association, Montana Fire Alliance

00:07:04 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:21 Rep. Wiseman
00:11:00 Mr. Lundby
00:12:12 Rep. Ebinger
00:12:30 Mr. Lundby
00:13:15 Rep. Ankney
00:13:26 Rep. Arntzen
00:13:54 Rep. Ingraham
00:14:58 Rep. Arntzen
00:15:08 Mr. Lundby
00:16:42 Rep. Nooney
00:17:44 Rep. Arntzen
00:18:00 Rep. McLaren
00:18:29 Mr. Lundby
00:19:27 Rep. Stahl

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:37 Rep. Artnzen

00:21:03 Break

00:33:40 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 49

00:33:49 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 49 DO PASS.**

00:34:57 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 49 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(loh12a02)

Discussion:

00:34:59 Rep. Kottel
00:37:15 Rep. Ebinger
00:38:26 Rep. McLaren
00:39:05 Rep. Wiseman
00:39:41 Rep. Stahl
00:39:46 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of
Counties
00:40:48 Rep. Stahl
00:41:09 Ms. Wood
00:42:03 Rep. Sands

00:43:20 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 49 BE AMENDED** carried 15-1 by
voice vote with Rep. Stahl voting no.

00:43:36 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 49 BE AMENDED with a
CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.**

Discussion: _____

00:44:23 Rep. Kottel
00:44:31 Rep. Ingraham
00:45:02 Rep. Ebinger
00:45:34 Rep. Kottel
00:46:09 Chairman Arntzen
00:46:24 Sonja Lee, Legislative Staffer
00:46:55 Rep. Kottel
00:47:34 Ms. Lee
00:47:38 Rep. Kottel

00:48:02 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wiseman made a **Substitute
Motion to Postpone Action on HB 49 (as amended).** Motion
carried by unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 102

00:49:07 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 102 DO PASS.**

00:49:10 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 102 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh12a03)

Discussion:

00:50:01 Ms. Sonja Lee

00:51:50 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 102 BE AMENDED** carried 16-0 by voice vote.

00:51:58 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 102 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:52:09 Rep. Jacobson
00:57:18 Rep. Stahl
00:59:04 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources, State of Montana
01:00:12 Rep. Hands
01:02:11 Rep. Jacobson
01:03:12 Rep. Stahl
01:03:30 Rep. Nooney
01:06:06 Rep. Jacobson
01:06:42 Rep. Ebinger
01:07:15 Rep. Jacobson
01:08:24 Rep. Stahl
01:09:10 Rep. Ingraham
01:11:50 Rep. Jacobson
01:13:44 Rep. McLaren
01:14:20 Rep. Jacobson
01:15:15 Rep. Stahl

01:15:55 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 102 DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 228

01:16:42 Rep. Stahl

01:18:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sands moved that **HB 228 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 15-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Kottel voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:38 P.M.

REP. ELSIE ARNTZEN, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([loh12aad.pdf](#))